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- Publication information, including books, essays, reviews, dissertations, etc.
- Conference information
- Scholar information introducing scholars' achievements, exchange of ideas, suggestions, and proposals
- Research projects, such as project proposals, project introductions, etc.
- Current canon collections in World Libraries and Museums
- New findings of the scholarship on the Chinese Buddhist canon and related literature in public and private collections and auctions

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Special Issue

An Introduction to the Old Buddhist Manuscripts in Japanese Collections Database (with References to Japanese Buddhist Manuscripts Research)

I. Introduction to the database

1. Database website: <https://koshakyo-database.icabs.ac.jp/>
2. What can we search from it?
 - Confirming if a manuscript is extant or not in the eight collections of Buddhist scriptures copied during the Nara, Heian, and Kamakura periods.
 - Online access to the first fascicle of the manuscripts (one cut) of *Kongō-ji issaikyō*, *Nanatsu-dera issaikyō*, *Kōshō-ji issaikyō*.
 - A Concordance to the Taishō Canon and Dunhuang Buddhist Manuscripts.
 - Some manuscripts only stored in Japan (Nanatsu-dera or Kongō-ji), such as those texts excluded from or never collected in the official editions of the Chinese language Tripiṭaka (不藏 and 錄外文獻).
3. Notes on the use of the database
 - Digital data are from the *Nihon genzon hasshu issaikyō taishō mokuroku* 日本現存八種一切経対照目録 (second edition, PDF version available at <http://www.icabs.ac.jp/frontia/publishing.html>) published in 2006 (hereafter, *Hasshu*), and *A Concordance to the Taishō Canon and Dunhuang Buddhist Manuscripts* (second edition) 大正藏-敦煌出土佛典對照目録 第二版 *Hasshu* has been updated and revised in 2021. The latest revised edition of the *Hasshu* (2021) distinguished scriptures according to the following chronological order: Sui manuscripts, Tang manuscripts, Tenryō Era Year 12 Go-gankyō manuscripts, Jingo Keiun Era Year 2 Go-gankyō manuscripts, Kō-class manuscripts, and Ōtsu-class manuscripts. It also has added the titles of the manuscripts of the extant Sanjieiyo scriptures 三階教経典 as well as other texts excluded from the official editions of the Chinese language Tripiṭaka 不入藏. But the *Hasshu* (2021) has not been updated online yet.
 - Due to problems posed by data security as well as copyrights, which legally belong to the temples possessing the collections, this database can only display digital images of the first fascicle of the manuscripts (one cut). However, the consultation of the entire text is possible only on the terminal screens of the special computers installed at the International College for Postgraduate Buddhist Studies Library. For inquiries about this database or these manuscripts in Japanese collections, please contact the nihonkoshakyo@icabs.ac.jp or libs@icabs.ac.jp.
 - Digital images of the initial fascicle of the manuscripts are displayed when they have been stored and registered in our archives. Otherwise, they would show no images.

For more details please read <http://www.icabs.ac.jp/lib/library/dtb>

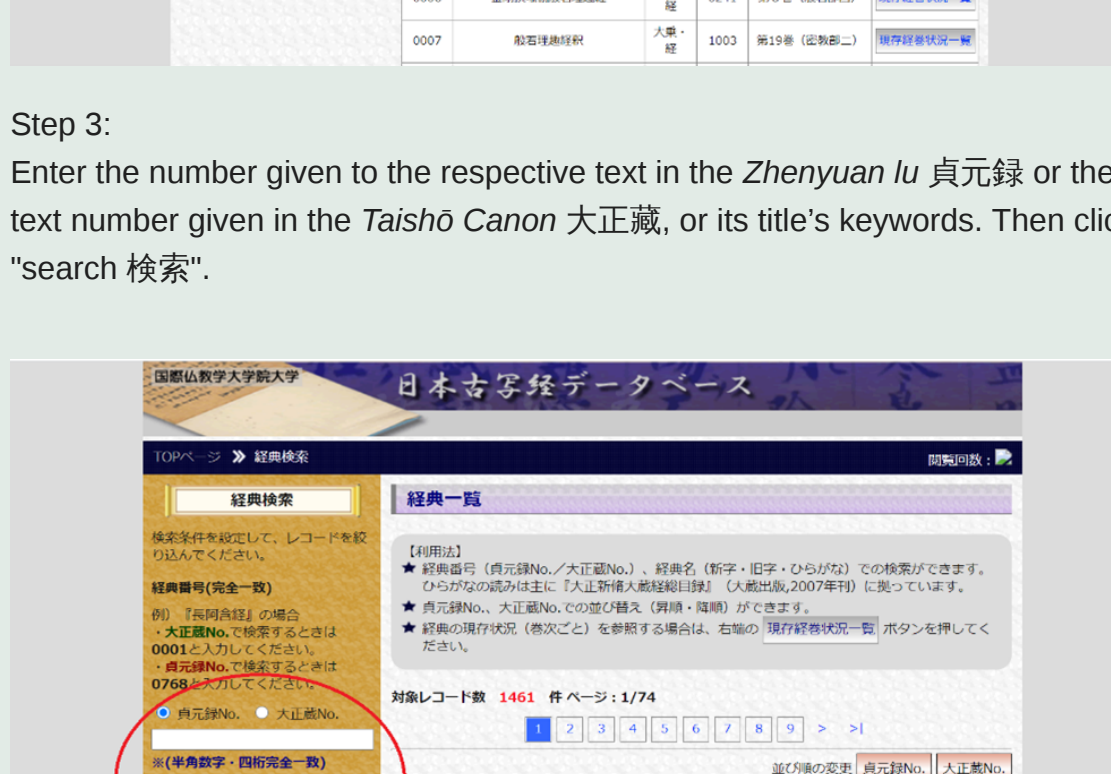
4. Steps for searching

Step 1:

Enter the URL: <https://koshakyo-database.icabs.ac.jp/> and go to the homepage (TOP ページ). Choose the language to use and read the brief introduction.



Step 2: Click "Display" (閲覧する), then you will be at the "searching texts" page (経典検索).



Step 3:

Enter the number given to the respective text in the *Zhenyuan lu* 貞元録 or the text number given in the *Taishō Canon* 大正藏, or its title's keywords. Then click "検索".



Taking *Dabanruo boluomido jing* 大般若波羅蜜多經 as an example hereafter: You can input '0001' for the *Zhenyuan lu* 貞元録, then click "検索".



Or you can input '0220' for the *Taishō Canon* 大正藏, then click "検索".



Or you can enter its keyword '大般若-般若波羅蜜多' and so on.



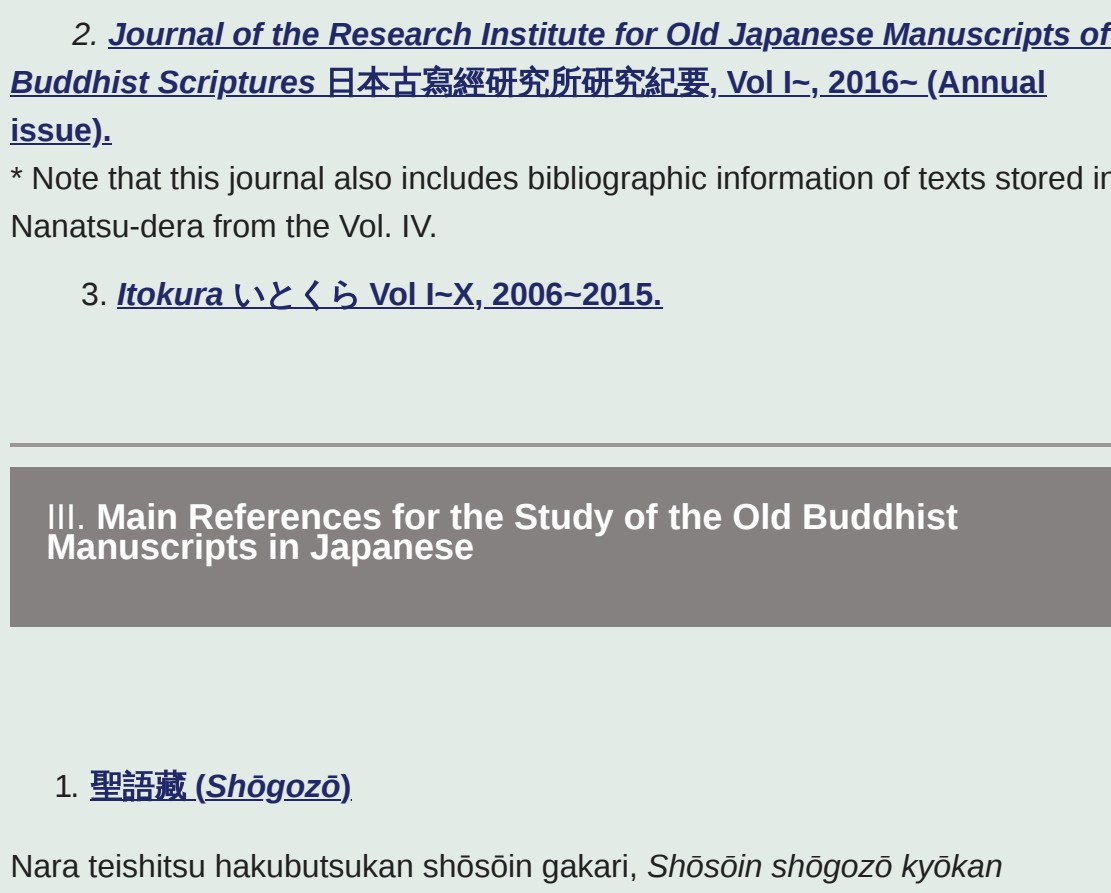
Step 4:

Click the "Genzon kyōkan jōkyū ichiran" (現存経巻状況一覧), you will get its detailed status about whether it is extant or not in the eight collections.



Step 5:

Click the "Shōsai jōhō e" (詳細情報へ), then you will get the access to the first fascicle of the manuscripts (one cut) of *Kongō-ji issaikyō*, *Nanatsu-dera issaikyō*, *Kōshō-ji issaikyō* if they have been uploaded.



Step 6:

Click "高画質画像" then you can get its image.



II. Research Progress by the Research Institute for Old Japanese Manuscripts of Buddhist Scriptures at ICABS

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* Note that this journal also includes bibliographic information of texts stored in Nanatsu-dera from the Vol. IV.
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Kōchi Tōshinri, Kongō-ji issaikyō no ongozōshi kenkyū to kongō-ji issaikyō no kōzōshi kenkyū: kenkyū seikashū 金剛寺一切経の総合的研究と金剛寺聖教の基礎的研究-研究成果報告書, 2007.
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Kyōto-ku kyōiku shinkai, *Kyōto-fu ko mōryō chōsa hōkokusho XIII: Kōshō-ji issaikyō chōsa hōkokusho* 京都府古文書調査報告第十三集 興聖寺一切経調査報告書, 1998.
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Ishiyama-dera bunkazai sōgō issaikyō, *Ishiyama-dera no kenkyū: issaikyō hen* 石山寺の研究 (一切経篇) , 1978.
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Yamato Kōryama-shi kyōiku linkai, *Yamato Kōryama-shi Saihō-ji shōzo issaikyō chōsa hōkokusho* 大和郡山市西方寺所蔵一切経調査報告書, 1984.
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Tōhoku rekishi shiryōkan, *Natori shingū-ji issaikyō chōsa hōkokusho* 名取新宮寺一切経調査報告書, 1980.
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Hommon Hokeshū Daihonzan Myōren-ji supriwed, Nakao Akira ed. *Kyōto Myōren-ji zo "Matsuo-sha issaikyō" chōsa hōkokusho* 京都妙蓮寺藏経見社一切経調査報告書, 1997.

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